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that of Japan, and took passage for San Francisco on board the P. & O. steamer, on the 24th ult. He has omitted to land over the amount of several large bills which he has collected during the present month—*Japan Gazette*.

A party of divers from H.M.S. *Challenger* proceeded to Kure, by train on the 24th ultimo. It is understood that they have been employed to inspect the timbers of the Railway bridge crossing the Kure River at that village.

We read in the *Choya Shinbun*: A serious robbery of war-like stores occurred at the Yokohama arsenal about the middle of the present month. The articles stolen were gunpowder, cartridges, &c.

In reference to the food and other crops, the *Nishin Shinbun* says that in both Japan and China the rice is early, and the other crops afford promise of an excellent harvest. The condition of the silk-worm is also satisfactory, but the producers, warned by the disastrous result of last year, are raising them in smaller quantities and the price of mulberry leaves is consequently very much lower than in former years.

The *Hochi Shinbun*, speaking of the "disasters" in the Chinese provinces, says that they have been devoted to the subject of police and the determination of the liability for their expense. The Governors of the Kobi, Niigata, and Ochi-Ken have distinguished themselves prominently in these directions, while the Mayor of Tokio has manifested a talent for silence which appears unaccountable to those who expected better things from him. Mori, who was appointed to the post of Governor of the Kobi, has received permission to attend the sittings of the Assembly—*Japan Mail*.

Messrs. Whitfield and Dowson are constructing a steam launch for the Imperial Japanese Post Office. The launch is to be employed in carrying mails leaving and arriving in the port. She will be launched in about a week or two.

In the provinces of Kai and Shinano the prospects of the rice crop are reported as excellent, but the feeding of silkworms has been almost abandoned, in consequence of the fluctuating state of the trade in this branch of industry last year.

The Japanese are striving to emulate their Western neighbours in literary scholarship, the number of students having greatly increased of late. There is scarcely a village where no school exists. The number of scholars between the ages of six and thirteen years is estimated, throughout the Empire, at the millions, five hundred and ninety-eight thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six.

The *Choya Shinbun* contains information of a disastrous inundation which occurred at Miyazaki on the 15th ult. when a heavy rain fell, and the banks of the river overflowed, and the water of the Chikugo river rose immensely in some places, to a height of twenty feet, and in many other places to fifteen feet, above its normal level. Two hundred and sixty villages have been destroyed by the inundation, and 6,000 *cho* of cultivated land have been deluged, and the crops thereon completely destroyed.

The new Methodist Church on Lot No. 224, Bluff, near the village of Atsuta, was opened on the 30th ultimo. A large number of foreigners and a still larger number of Japanese were present at the opening ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Murray. The reverend gentleman opened the proceedings by prayer, invoking the blessing of heaven upon the whole cause of Christianity, and upon the new church and its congregation in particular. The church is well lighted with a handsome centre galler, and rows of reflecting bracket lamps along the sides. It is also provided with a fine toned organ.

Dr. Murray, of the *Mombasa*, had a very narrow escape on the evening of the 4th inst., while engaged with several officials of the *Mombasa* in determining a site for some new buildings for the Educational Department in Kaga Yashiki, to fall into an old well which was concealed beneath the surface of the ground. That he escaped with only a few scratches is a wonderful thing, seeing the well was 15 or 20 feet deep, besides he might have been suffocated by mephitic gases, as he was compelled to remain in the well, until ropes and ladder could be obtained, which occupied nearly an hour. Dr. Murray's numerous friends will be glad to learn that he sustained no serious injuries.

At half-past two on the morning of the 4th inst., the *Kanagawa Maru* (Medan) of the Mitsui Bishi Company's well known steamers, was wrecked at Cape Sagami. The night was intensely dark and thick; the steamer was going dead slow, and the water was in the words of one of the crew, "as calm as a duck pond." Had there been any sea on, the vessel must have gone to pieces, as it was found impossible to extricate her before half past six o'clock last evening, when the tide was at its highest. She was then warped off, and came into harbour. We are glad to hear that her injuries are comparatively trifling. The *Osaka*, which passed the *Kanagawa Maru* yesterday morning, was the first to bring the news of the casualty to port. We are indebted for this to the information of a passenger by the *Kanagawa Maru*—*Japan Gazette*.

NAGASAKI. On June 14th, an English Baptist Church was formed at Nagasaki; it has been established on open Communion principles.

We learn that small pox has broken out in Nagasaki, though the malignant disease is said to be confined to one or two individuals—*Hiroshima Sun*.

On the 1st inst. a meeting of the chief magistrates of the various provinces was held at Yoko with the object of discussing the action of the Government with regard to the recently issued press regulations. The available space being limited, the meeting was much to the regret, unable to invite the attendance of the officials.

Another sitting of the *Chikuhoku Kenjutsu* took place on the 27th ultimo and was attended by H. I. M. The *Kenjutsu* arrived at half past eight o'clock. The subject of discussion was the road system, but it is understood that no change from the existing mode of administration is contemplated.

The officers of the *Ken* constituting the *Ken Chikuhoku Kenjutsu* were permitted to bring with them to the capital certain of the people of their districts, some of these being elected by popular suffrage, and some were nominated by themselves. Referring to the latter, the *Hochi Shinbun* says that they have exhibited neither ability nor force, while the elected of the people are nearly all cases of ineptitude and incapacity, and they urge the necessity of granting their full rights of citizenship. A few days since some thirty of these representatives attended a meeting of the *Kenjutsu* at the capital, and their much soundness of judgment in the discussions which they participated in. It is noticed that the *Hiroshima Ken* has contributed the largest number of representatives, while the *Yamaguchi Ken*, *Sanuki Ken*, and *Matsuyama Ken* have sent none—*Japan Mail*.

A new building for purposes of recreation is being erected at Sanyo, Tokio. It is furnished with all the latest and most improved appliances, and is intended to be a place of resort for the people of the neighbourhood since the destruction of the prefectural building the dead.

At midnight on the 3rd inst. a fire broke out in the new building of the *Kenjutsu*, which was discovered to have broken out in the *Nishin* at Tokio. In spite of the most strenuous efforts to suppress the flames, they spread to adjacent buildings, and were not extinguished until the morning of the 4th inst. The new building, which was preserved. We learn that, among other valuable records destroyed, the maps of the city and suburbs of Tokio, upon which the staff survey has been carried out for the last four years, have been utterly destroyed. The *Ken* is said to have originated in a servant's room. Mr. Oshio was among the earliest arrivals at the building, and he was engaged in directing the measures for its extinction—*Japan Gazette*.

HAKODATE. On the 19th ult. S. S. *Kure* passed the American ship *Dolphin*, bound up the coast. The two dead bodies were seen hanging out of the hatch.

Messrs. Yamamoto, Otori, Nagai, and others, survivors of the ship *Hakodate*, are about to erect an obelisk on a hill near Hakodate, in memory of those of their comrades who were slain on that occasion. The obelisk is about 25 feet high, and is to be erected on a hill near Hakodate, in memory of those of their comrades who were slain on that occasion. The obelisk is about 25 feet high, and is to be erected on a hill near Hakodate, in memory of those of their comrades who were slain on that occasion.

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Malcolm, Master, will leave here at Whampoa,
and at Manzan, and will have immediate des-
patch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
11800 Hongkong, 21st June, 1874.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 11 British Bark

"HOLLANDER."
Van der Eb, Master, will leave here for the above
Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGLER, LAGROD & Co.,
394 Hongkong, 31st June, 1875.

**KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,
ESSEN (GERMANY).**
SOLE AGENT FOR CHINA,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOMBO (GERMANY).

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 11 British Bark

"HOLLANDER."
Van der Eb, Master, will leave here for the above
Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGLER, LAGROD & Co.,
394 Hongkong, 31st June, 1875.

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.
THE 11 British Bark

"ABRAHAM APAR."
Captain McNeill, will leave this for the above
Ports TO-DAY, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, BONS & Co., Agents,
1083 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.
THE 11 British Bark

"DOUGLAS."
Captain Burns, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,
1084 Hongkong, 13th July, 1875.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE 11 British Bark

"SUNDA."
will leave for the above place TO-MORROW,
the 18th inst., at 10 a.m.

A. MCIVER, Superintendent,
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 17th July, 1875.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE 11 British Bark

"SARDEEN."
will be despatched on or about the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
1106 Hongkong, 15th July, 1875.

FOR BOMBAY, BAHARABAS, AND
CALCUTTA.
Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG if
judiciously offered.

THE 11 British Bark

"KILLARNEY."
Captain H. O'Neill, will have quick despatch for
the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HALL, ASH & HALL, ESMAIL,
1108 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAKAO, AND
TAMSAI.
THE 11 British Bark

"HAILONG."
Captain Abbott, will have immediate despatch
for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.,
11083 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR MANILA.
THE 11 British Bark

"FORMOSA."
Captain Starnet, expected to arrive from Amoy
on the 14th inst., will have immediate des-
patch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
11073 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 11 British Bark

"FAITH."
D. Lloyd, Master, will leave here and at Wham-
poa, and will have quick despatch for the above
Port.

For Freight, apply to
H. B. LAGROD & Co.,
1095 Hongkong, 13th July, 1875.

FOR MANILA.
THE 11 British Bark

"1. JEVO CONSTANCE."
Captain Urry, will have immediate despatch
as above.

For Freight, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
1082 Hongkong, 10th July, 1875.

FOR FOCHOW.
THE 11 British Bark

"JAMES WILSON."
R. W. Freeman, Master, will be despatched as
above on or about the 23rd inst., and will take
Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
11095 Hongkong, 14th July, 1875.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 11 American Clipper Bark

"CONQUEST."
Captain Small, For Freight, apply to
H. B. LAGROD & Co.,
1071 Hongkong, 31st July, 1875.

FOR FOCHOW.
THE 11 British Bark

"MIN."
Peters, Master, will have immediate despatch,
as above.

For Freight, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
11026 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1875.

FOR LONDON.
THE 11 British Bark

"OSAKA."
Low, Master, will load a General Cargo here
and at Whampoa, and will have immediate des-
patch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
11024 Hongkong, 14th June, 1875.